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Public Meeting to be held September 26, 2012 at Lake Shelbyville to Discuss Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in White-tailed Deer

Lake Shelbyville: September 17, 2012 – A public meeting to discuss Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in white-tailed deer and the impact it has had on the deer herd around Lake Shelbyville will be held at the Lake Shelbyville Visitor's Center on September 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. This often fatal disease is spread to white-tails by biting midges and this year's outbreak has been worse than normal due to droughty conditions. US Army Corps of Engineers staff have been fielding numerous phone calls on almost a daily basis from people wanting to know about the disease as well as reporting dead deer. Natural Resource Specialist Lee Mitchell and Illinois Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist Doug Brown will be there to lead the discussion. Other topics to be discussed are the last five years worth of white-tailed deer check station results as well as the tree stand policy placed into effect in 2009. For more information contact Natural Resource Specialist Lee Mitchell at (217) 774-3951 ext. 7012.

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